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GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW: FIRST STATE RECORD

Keith and Peggy Kunkel
Covington, TN

Photo by Keith Kunkel

On 4 December 2005, an adult Golden-Crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) was seen feeding on the ground under a feeder in our backyard in Covington, Tipton County. It was in the company of White-throated Sparrows (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) and Cardinals (*Cardinalis cardinalis*). Initial observations were made from 10-12 meters with 8x42 binoculars. The bird was first observed at 0700 for fifteen minutes. The bird returned in the afternoon and fed intermittently until sundown. Viewing conditions were overcast to clear. It was a large sparrow with a yellow-brown crown, a wide black supercilium and gray breast. No vocalizations were heard. Photos were taken and provided to the Tennessee Bird Records Committee.

The sparrow returned to feed most days in the company of White-throated Sparrows and Cardinals. It was viewed by multiple observers and was last seen 11 January 2006.

We have no previous experience with this species, but have many years of observation of other *Zonotrichia* sparrows in our region.

Accepted by TBRC – 2006

Editors' Note: The details of this sighting are previously unpublished; they are included here because of their historical importance.

ANHINGA NESTING ON PERCY PRIEST LAKE, RUTHERFORD COUNTY

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Photo by Scott G. Somershoe

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) is an uncommon nesting bird typically found only in the bottomland hardwood swamps of west Tennessee, specifically the Mississippi River Valley. Few known nesting sites have been documented in recent years, however, nesting has been confirmed at Shelby Forest Wildlife Management Area in Shelby County and Reelfoot Lake, Obion County, Tennessee since 2010 (SGS, pers. obs.).

On 2 June 2011, while conducting routine wading bird surveys by kayak, I observed and photographed a pair of Anhingas in a small rookery east of the Lamar Hill Boat Ramp, Percy Priest Lake, Rutherford County, Tennessee. Initially I saw a male fly out of the rookery, circle the island, and land at the top of one of the tallest snags. I obtained a few photographs and watched the male for several minutes. After paddling my kayak around the island in continuation of the survey, I saw a female on a nest in a willow tree about 6 meters above the water. After the female flushed from the nest, she was not seen again that day nor on any subsequent visit. I observed the male again on 5 June 2011, but not on subsequent searches. Assessment of the photographs showed the male had a couple of small patches of tan feathers on his neck, which may indicate he was a second year male. The nest failed, or they abandoned shortly after I discovered the nest as no Anhingas were observed on subsequent visits by the author.

The Anhinga nest on Percy Priest Lake in Rutherford County is the first documented nesting in Tennessee east of Kentucky Lake and one of only three nests documented away from the Mississippi River Valley. The first record was at the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, Humphrey's County in 1953 (Cypert 1955). Nesting was also documented at Big Hill Pond State Park, McNairy County in 1980 (Waldron 1980). More recently, a pair of Anhinga was suspected of nesting at Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge, Haywood County in 2009 and possibly in 2013 (J.R. Wilson, B. Ford, pers. comm.).

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HOW WE FOUND THE HOODED CRANE

Marie Sutton
Lexington, Kentucky

On 13 December 2011 Phyllis Deal and I went to Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge, Meigs County, hoping to see a Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) reported to be there. I had been introduced to the refuge and birding many years before by my sister, Sylvia Britt, who had moved back to Cleveland, Tennessee after retirement.

Phyllis and I had stopped there the afternoon before on the way to Cleveland from Lexington, Kentucky, where we live. We had seen only an immature Whooping Crane that had been pointed out by Jen Davis who was tracking the brownish bird for the International Crane Foundation as it migrated south. On the 13th we found four beautiful adult Whooping Cranes in a partially cut corn field north of the observation pavilion. After watching them for a bit, I started searching the closest visible shoreline for the immature bird where we had seen it the day before. Instead of the Whooping Crane I saw a bird I could not identify. It had a black body and white neck and was smaller than the Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis*) that were foraging near it.

Phyllis and I took turns viewing it through my scope, trying to figure out if it could be a heron instead of a crane, but came to no decision. Neither of us had ever seen a bird like it before. We were alone and knew no birders to contact in Tennessee. Although I grew up in nearby Bradley County, I became interested in birding long after leaving the state. After about an hour a man drove in and joined us briefly. He had stopped on his way home from

Photo by Eric Bowles

work to see the Sandhill Cranes and seemed uninterested in our strange bird. Obviously not a birder!

We lingered, hoping a local birder would show up. Finally, just before dusk, our hopes were realized. Charles Murray, a member of the Chattanooga Chapter, who checks the site frequently came by. After viewing the bird, Charles called Jen Davis and asked her to come to the site. When Jen saw the bird she said it looked like a Hooded Crane (*Grus monacha*). She digiscoped the bird, and that evening she and Charles sent the photo to Scott Somershoe, State Ornithologist, who agreed with her identification. The bird was placed on the rare bird alert, and the rest is history.

Phyllis and I feel very fortunate to have been at the right place at the right time.

HOODED CRANE AT HIWASSEE

Charles Murray
Birchwood, Tennessee

I arrived at Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge at about 1630 on 13 December 2011 and met Marie Sutton and Phyllis Deal, residents of Lexington, Kentucky. They asked me to identify an unknown crane they were observing. After seeing the crane myself and being unable to identify it, I called Jen Davis, a Whooping Crane (Grus americana) tracker for the International Crane Foundation (ICF), whom I knew to be in the area. She came to the refuge, took digiscope photographs and wrote a detailed description of the unknown crane. Ms. Davis contacted Bryant Tarr, curator at the ICF. He identified the bird as a Hooded Crane (Grus monacha), a native of Asia. Ms. Davis also sent her description of the crane to Scott Somershoe, State Ornithologist, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

On 14 December I posted a report on the discovery of this Asian rarity on the TNBird.org list serve web site. Within about an hour and a half wildlife watchers from the southeast Tennessee area began to arrive at the Hiwassee viewing gazebo hoping to see the Hooded Crane.

The Hooded Crane was seen by many observers during the time it remained at Hiwassee. I maintain a visitors log at the refuge on behalf of the Tennessee Ornithological Society. A total of 4187 visits to Hiwassee was recorded from 14 December 2011, when the crane was first reported, until 8 February 2012. (Note: Visitors were asked to sign the log each day that they visited the refuge; if no volunteer was manning the log some visitors failed to sign in, so though the exact number of visitors is not known, the positive economic impact to the region is obvious).

On 30 January 2011 I observed the Hooded Crane from 0820 until about 0950, when it was chased by a Sandhill Crane (Grus Canadensis) and flew out of sight. This was the last reported sighting of the crane in Tennessee. It is interesting to note that in February a Hooded Crane was being reported in Indiana.

Editors' note – The record of the Hooded Crane is pending acceptance by the Tennessee Bird Records Committee.

ROUND TABLE NOTES

SAY'S PHOEBE AT HATCHIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE - On 29 January 2012 we were birding at O'Neal Lake at Hatchie NWR in Haywood County. While by the fishing pier we saw a phoebe fly up from the ground and perch on a post. We both recognized that this bird was not an Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*), and because of time spent birding in western states felt this was a Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*). The bird had a warm buffy-ochre undertail, sides and belly. The head was dark gray-brown with a dark eye, black bill and whitish throat. The back and wings were gray-brown with smudgy whitish wing bars. The chest was a dingy light gray, and the tail was black. The bird called "phoebe" several times with the accent on the last syllable, the call being thinner than Eastern Phoebe and not as hoarse or harsh. When we played the song of Say's Phoebe the bird responded strongly by immediately changing direction while flying and flying toward us, veering off at the last second. We observed the bird for about 15 minutes with both binoculars and scope, at times from as close as 3 meters, as it flew from perch to perch.

We were able to get notification out quickly via TN-Bird , and the bird remained very cooperative for many observers throughout its stay We saw it for the last time on February 17, the last day it was reported. We believe this is the sixth sighting of Say's Phoebe in Tennessee.

Susan and Mac McWhirter, Memphis

WINTER LIFE OF MALE SUMMER TANAGER -- It is perhaps a bit surprising that many neotropical migrants maintain territories when they are on their nonbreeding wintering grounds. Some species like Golden-winged Warblers (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) move around in mixed feeding flocks—which contain both other migrants and resident tropical species. At the same time, they aggressively maintain territories against individuals of their own species. This year we have a male Summer Tanager (*Piranga ruba*) guarding the boundaries of our property in Costa Rica against potential Summer Tanager intruders. We have about 2 hectares (~ 5 acres) outside of Monteverde in the Tilaran Mountains at 4500 feet elevation. Our tanager has chosen our property boundaries as his own, as he makes his solo route around the edges of our little "farm," "pit-ta-tucking" all the way. Our property is a mixture of citrus trees, coffee, bananas, vegetable gardens, lawn, young native trees, and lots of flowering shrubs planted to attract hummers and butterflies. There seems to be a sufficient supply of insects to keep him well-fed, and he shows no interest in native berries, orchard fruit, or bananas at our fruit feeder. He vocalizes extensively at the lower edge of our property, where we have heard another Summer Tanager calling from time to time. However, he has no quarrel with numerous Blue-gray Tanagers (*Thraupis episcopus*) that are frequently about, or with any other bird species. After calling ("pit-ta-tuck") off and on most of the day, he settles into steady calling around the property about half an hour before sunset. Finally, after sunset every evening, he settles down about 1.5 meters up in a densely-foliated orange tree in the center of the yard, and pit-ta-tucks himself to sleep. Who came blame him—it's a lonely life.

Devlin Joslin, Monteverde, Costa Rica

THE 2011 TENNESSEE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SUMMARY

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The 2011 Tennessee Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is the 81st compilation. Thirty counts reported data this year, with Cane Creek as a new count. Warren County did not conduct a count, and no data was received from the Norris count. This year's count resulted in 158 species, plus three more found during the count week. Four hundred eighty-four observers tallied 1510.91 party hours and recorded 378,544 individuals, which is the lowest total of individual birds found for the compilation since 1992. Twenty of these species were represented by a lone individual.

The weather throughout the CBC season was normal. Several counts experienced some heavy rain and/or windy conditions, and temperatures ranged from a chilly 23° F at Kingsport to a pleasant 65° F in Clay County.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Little Gull, Northern Rough-winged Swallow and Clay-colored Sparrow (previously only a count week bird) are all new species for the Tennessee CBC compilation. This brings the all-time total of species found on Tennessee CBC's to 267 (plus 6 more count week only species). Notable misses include scoters, American White Pelican (first miss in 14 years), Green Heron and Black-capped Chickadee. Notable, but not countable, were 6 Whooping Cranes and a Hooded Crane (possibly only the 2nd North American record) at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge.

The following species were recorded in record or unusually high numbers: Green-winged Teal, Redhead, Bufflehead, Pied-billed Grebe, Black Vulture, Golden Eagle, Merlin, American Woodcock, Short-eared Owl and Common Raven. The following species were recorded in unusually low numbers: American Coot, Least Sandpiper, Song Sparrow and Red-winged Blackbird.

COUNT SUMMARIES
F/Y = feeder/yard watcher

BRISTOL (36.583° N, 82.1° W) – 1 January; 0700-1800. Weather: cloudy in the morning and afternoon with some rain; wind W 5-15 mph; 31-54° F. Eastern Meadowlark was missed for the first time in 54 years. Observers: Rob Biller, Ron Carrico, Ruth Clark, Carolyn Coffey, Wallace Coffey, Rack Cross, Todd Hare, Ron Harrington, Sheri Hunter, Tom Hunter, Andy Jones, John Kelly, Richard Knight, Roy Knispel, Michelle Leighty, Phillip Lewis, Richard Lewis (compiler: 407 V.I. Ranch Rd., Bristol, TN 37620; mountainbirds@email.com), Larry McDaniel, Chris O'Bryan, Michele Sparks and David Worley.

BUFFALO RIVER (35.3° N, 87.467° W) – 19 December; 0500-1730. Weather: clear; wind S 0-10 mph; 30-59° F. This is one of the few areas where Loggerhead Shrike continues to be

recorded in decent numbers (34 this count). Observers: Frances Markine, Gary Markine, Warren Massey, Royce Neidert, Bill Pulliam, Cynthia Rohrbach, Andrew Salhaney, Donette Sellars, Damien Simbeck (secondary compiler), Don Simbeck (compiler: 424 Riddle Ln., Loretto, TN 38469; dnks@lorettotel.net), Morris Williams and Jane Worn.

CADE'S COVE (35.6° N, 83.833° W) – 1 January; 0745-1600. Weather: light rain early in the morning followed by heavy rain around noon; wind 19-31 mph; 32-53° F. The heavy rain and high wind contributed to the lowest number of species recorded. Observers: Jean Alexander, Mark Armstrong, Tiffany Beachy, Warren Bielenburg, Jennie Burke, Elizabeth Davis, Tom Howe, Susan Hoyle (compiler: P. O. Box 11752, Knoxville, TN 37939; hoyleshrike@gmail.com), David Johnson, Kristine Johnson, Jane Kading, Tony King, Lydia Reese, Martha Rudolph, JJ Webb and June Welch.

CANE CREEK (35.708° N, 87.775° W) - 17 December; Weather: clear all day; 24-48° F. This is the first count for this area. The count is approximately 5 miles south of Lobelville in northeast Perry County. Observers: Adam Beachy, Ann Beachy, Chad Beachy, Evan Beachy, Jubal Beachy, Mikel Beachy, Rose Beachy, Seth Beachy, Susanna Beachy, Ruben Stoll (compiler: birdhunterrws@gmail.com), Victor Stoll, Alan Troyer and Henry Troyer.

CHATTANOOGA (35.1° N, 85.233° W) – 17 December; 0600-1800. Weather: partly clear all day; wind: 0-5 mph; 32-52° F. Observers: David Aborn, Tim Baker, Sherry Barton, Harold Birch, Katherine Boyles, Kevin Calhoon (compiler: 934 Craven's Terrace, Lookout Mtn., TN 37409; kac@tennis.org), Janice Chadwell, Sam Clark, John Diener, Danny Gaddy, Lizzie Goodrick, Bill Haley, John Henderson, Daniel Jacobson, Starr Klein, Jonnie Sue Lyons, Barbara McMahan, Mike McMahan, Heidi Messerly, David Patterson, Seth Rachels, Tommie Rogers, Susan Schott, David Spicer, Carl Swafford, Emma Veal, Jenni Veal, Lucy Veal, Cynthia Wilkerson, Jimmy Wilkerson, Dan Williams and Libby Wolfe.

CLARKSVILLE (36.5° N, 87.383° W) – 17 December; 0700-1700. Weather: partly cloudy with wind WNW 3-7; 24-44° F. Observers: Suva Bastin, Caron Baugher, Allison Bennett, Alan Bottomlee, Elizabeth Fitch, Kevin Fitch, Elaine Foust, Glenn Foust, Deborah Hamilton (compiler: 290 Ardmoor Dr., Clarksville, TN 37043; ammonite@charter.net), Steven Hamilton, John Johansen, Rebecca Johansen, Gloria Milliken, Daniel Moss, Michelle Rogers, Polly Rooker, Cyndi Routledge, Steve Routledge, Joe Schiller and Paul Schwab.

CLAY COUNTY (36.5° N, 85.367° W) – 15 December; 0630-1600. Weather: cloudy with heavy rain in the morning, turning foggy with light rain in the afternoon; wind 0-5 mph; 60-65° F. Barn Owl is a new species for this count. Observers: Terry M. Campbell (compiler: 1886 New Hope Rd., Celina, TN 38551; Terry_Campbell@fws.gov), Granville Cox, Roseanne Denton, Arlene Morton, Michael J. O'Rourke, Barbara H. Stedman and Winston A. Walden.

COLUMBIA (Mayfield-Gray chapter) (35.6° N, 87.167° W) – 17 December; 0400-1915. Weather: clear in the morning turning cloudy in the afternoon; 30-47° F. Observers: Phyllis Coble, Tommy Edwards (compiler: 896 Iron Bridge Rd., Columbia, TN 38401; Tommy.Edwards@state.tn.us), Todd Foster, William Jernigan, Allyn Lay, Bill Pulliam, Donette Sellars and Jane Worn.

COOKEVILLE (36.15° N, 85.467° W) – 17 December; 0502-1700. Weather: partly

cloudy in the morning, clearing in the afternoon; winds mostly N 0-5, with gusts to 30 mph; 33-45° F. Observers: Brad L. Beatty, Sharon Brines, Wally Brines, Daniel L. Combs, Douglas A. Downs, Ginger K. Ensor, Janie C. Finch, Judy C. Fuson, Michael J. Hawkins, Linda Henderson, Peggy Huffstetler, Nancy S. Layzer, Edmund K. LeGrand, Sue E. Pirolo, Richard W. Simmers, Jr. (F/Y), Barbara H. Stedman and Stephen J. Stedman (compiler: 2675 Lakeland Dr., Cookeville, TN 38506; sstedman@tntech.ed).

CROSS CREEKS N. W. R. (36.467° N, 87.783° W) – 2 January; 0700-1500. Weather: clear all day; water partly open; wind NW 20-35 mph; 33-37° F. Observers: Margarette Blanton, Joe Casey, Gregg Cline, Richard Graves, Joseph Hall, Blake Hunt, Madge Lawrence, Joyce North, Gary Rice, Susan Rice and Sarah Welker (compiler: P.O. Box 485, Dover, TN 37058; swelk50@yahoo.com).

CROSSVILLE (38.862° N, 85.018° W) – 21 December; 0445-1700. Weather: overcast with some rain in the morning, becoming cloudy in the afternoon; wind SW 5-20 mph; 52-65° F. Observers: Bruce M. Anderson, Brad L. Beatty, Douglas A. Downs, Annell S. Fields, Michael J. Hawkins, Edmund K. LeGrand (compiler: 1631 Leffle Webb Rd., Crossville, TN 38572; elegrand@frontiernet.net), Warren Massey, Joseph E. Mast, Michael P. O'Rourke, Barbara H. Stedman, Stephen J. Stedman, Winston A. Walden and Carol D. Williams.

DeKALB COUNTY (36.02° N, 85.83° W) – 23 December; 0530-1645. Weather: overcast with some drizzle in the morning, turning cloudy in the afternoon and no precipitation; 39-45° F. Observers: John Barthelme, Danny Bryan, Richard Conners, Douglas A. Downs, Judy C. Fuson, Michael J. Hawkins, Linda Henderson, Nancy S. Layzer, Edmund K. LeGrand, Barbara H. Stedman, Stephen J. Stedman, Holly Taylor, Mark Taylor, Winston A. Walden and Carol D. Williams (compiler: 3909 Cookeville Highway, Smithville, TN 37166; cdenson@dtccom.net).

ELIZABETHTON (36.333° N, 82.123° W) – 17 December; 0500-1730. Weather: overcast with periodic light rain and snow flurries in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon; wind W 5-20 mph; 30-41° F. Fog and wind were localized factors. Observers: Fred Alsop, Darla Anderson, Jim Anderson, Jerry Bevins, Rob Biller, Gilbert Derouen, Diane Draper, Glen Eller, Harry Lee Farthing, Jackie Hinshaw, Don Holt, Rick Knight (compiler: 804 N. Hills Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604: rknight8@earthlink.net), Roy Knispel, Roger Lemaster, Joe McGuiness, Tom McNeil, Charles Moore, Kathy Noblet, Brookie Potter, Jean Potter, Katie Quillin, Brian Rovera, Mike Sanders, Stephanie Shafer, Bryan Stevens, Kim Stroud and Gary Wallace.

FAYETTE (35.2° N, 89.42° W) – 20 December; 0615-1545. Weather: cloudy with light rain all day; 50° F. Observers: Michael Collins, Kate Gooch (compiler: 2900 Garden Ln., Memphis, TN 38111; goochpb@att.net), Van Harris, Jim Johnson, Peter Keyel, Jacob Martin, Susan McWhirter, Dick Preston, Martha Waldron and Dick Whittington.

FRANKLIN/COFFEE COUNTIES (Highland Rim chapter) (35.302° N, 86.057° W) – 19 December; 0430-1600. Weather: partly cloudy; 30-60° F. Observers: Kristy Baker, Larry Bowers, Linda Foster, David Haskell, Janet Hill, John Lamb, Ruth Luckado, LouAnn Partington (compiler: 92 Maple Ave., Tullahoma, TN 37388; louannpartington@yahoo.com), Polly Rooker, Vida Sherwood, Amy Sliger, Dale Swant and Lisa Trail.

GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS N. P. (35.717° N, 83.483° W) – 18 December; 0800-1500. Weather: partly cloudy, wind 3-4 mph; 30-42° F. Observers: Tiffany Beachy, Warren Bielenberg, Doug Bruce, Jennifer Burke, Kevin Burke, Wanda DeWaard, Melinda Fawver, Shawn Hatmaker, Frances Hensley, Susan Hoyle, Kristine Johnson, Tony King, Mike Nelson (compiler: 1629 El Prado Dr., Knoxville, TN 37922 ; madbirder@surfbirder.com) and Keith Watson.

GREENEVILLE (36.167° N, 82.85° W) – 17 December; 0645-1845. Weather: Cloudy, wind 7 mph in the morning becoming mostly sunny with light and variable winds in the afternoon; 37-45° F. Observers: Ben Britton, Margaret Gaut, Jim Holt (compiler: 311 Colonial Circle, Greeneville, TN 37745; jimbouh@comcast.net), Don Miller, Jean Obrist, Maureen Obrist, JoAnne Routledge and Larry Routledge.

HICKORY-PRIEST (36.2° N, 86.667° W) – 1 January; 0500-1900. Weather: mostly cloudy in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon; wind W 12 mph with gusts to 43 mph; 38-61° F. Observers: Beth Adama, Kristy Baker, Kendal Broadie, Phillip Casteel, Richard Conners (compiler: 603 Barrywood Dr., Nashville, TN 37220; rconnorsphoto@aol.com), Jerry Drewry, Richard Fox, Tarcila Fox, Mark Hackney, Cyndi Routledge, Steve Routledge, Emma Rushton, Sarah Scott, Wanda Shotwell, Chris Sloan, Scott Somershoe, Joe Stone and Sabin Thompson.

HIWASSEE (35.367° N, 84.9° W) – 1 January; 0600-1800. Weather: cloudy with heavy rain in the morning, partly clear in the afternoon; wind SW 5-25 mph; 45-52° F. A Hooded Crane, an Asian rarity (possibly only the 2nd sighting in North America), had been at the refuge since Dec.13th and was found on count day. At this time it is not countable because of unknown provenance. Also not countable, but notable, were 6 Whooping Cranes found on count day. Observers: David Aborn, Neslon Bennett, Gary Brunvoll, Kevin Calhoon (compiler: 1185 Mountain Creek Rd., Apt. 715, Chattanooga, TN 37045; kac@tennis.org), Sam Clark, John Diener, Danny Gaddy, Lizzie Goodrick, Gary Lanham, Heidi Messerly, Mark Siniard, Melinda Welton, Cynthia Wilkerson, Jimmy Wilkerson and Libby Wolfe.

JACKSON (35.617° N, 88.817° W) – 31 December; 0645-1730. Weather: clear all day with wind S 5-10 mph; 39-63° F. Red-breasted Merganser and Northern Rough-winged Swallow are new species for this count. Observers: Bob Ford, Mark Greene (compiler: 194 Mount Orange Road, Trenton, TN 38382; greenesnake@yahoo.com), Kathy Sellars and Allen Trently.

KINGSPORT (36.5° N, 82.517° W) – 26 December; 0600-1700. Weather: clear in the morning turning cloudy in the afternoon; wind 0-10 mph; 23-48° F. Brewer's Blackbird is a new species for this count. Observers: Dennis Anderson, Jim Anderson, Rob Biller, Ron Carrico, Glen Eller, William Grigsby (compiler: 1405 Brightridge Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664; wgrigs@gmail.com), Tom Hunter, Rick Knight, Roger Lemaster, Jr., Roger Lemaster, Sr., Tom McNeil, John Moyle, Rick Phillips, Mike Sanders, Michele Sparks, Kim Stroud and David Taylor.

KNOXVILLE (35.917° N, 84.083° W) – 31 December; 0650-1845. Weather: sunny and clear; 39-58° F. Common Nighthawk, although only a count week species, is a new species for this count. Jean Alexander, Mark Armstrong, Stephen Lyn Bales, Gail Clendenen, Steve

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MEMPHIS (35.15° N, 89.933° W) – 18 December; 0615-1700. Weather: clear in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon; wind 0-13 mph; 31-59° F. Clay-colored Sparrow and Yellow-headed Blackbird are new species for this count. Observers: Betty Blaylock, David Blaylock, Haley Brown, Michael Collins, Susan Davis, Judy Dorsey, Gregg Elliott, Jim Ferguson, Sue Ferguson, Van Harris, Robert Ilardi, Margaret Jefferson (compiler: 349 Hawthorne Ave., Memphis, TN 38112; mjefferson100@hotmail.com), James Johnson, Lisa Jorgensen, Pam Key, Keith Kunkel, Gerald Papachristou, George Payne, Dick Preston, Ernest Restivo, Virginia Reynolds, Stephan Schoech, Edwin Thomas, Allan Trently, Jamie Vespo, Martha Waldron and Jay Walko.

NASHVILLE (36.05° N, 86.933° W) – 17 December; 0600-1700. Weather: clear; wind WNW 5-10 mph; 28-47° F. The Indigo Bunting is unexpected. Observers: Brook Babcock, Kristy Baker, Sandy Bivens, Scott Block, Carole Bartoo (F/Y), Susan Bradfield, Trae Bradfield, David Buchanan, Jean Buchanan, Ed Byrne, Margaret Cameron, Richard Conners, Camille Crenshaw, Maureen Davin, Francis Fekel, Tarcila Fox, Bill Franks, John Froeschauer, Heather Gallagher, Ed Gleaves, Greg Greenhow, Sherlene Greenhow, Susan Hollyday, Margaret Howell, Linda Kelly, George Koehler (F/Y), Margie Koehler (F/Y), Judy Luna, Brendan Maier, Diana McLusky, Ken Oeser, David Olmstead, Amy Potter, Ed Schneider, Kathy Shaw, Sheila Shay, Dee Thompson, Jody Wilmoth and Becky Young. Non-participating compiler: Jan Shaw (5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKShaw@aol.com).

NICKAJACK LAKE (35.067° N, 85.517° W) – 30 December; 0500-1715. Weather: cloudy in the morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon; 33-60° F. Observers: Lois Bean, Bill Bell, Katherine Boyles, Danny Gaddy, Star Klein, Tommie Rogers, David Spicer (compiler: 9446 Cheri Beth Circle, Ooltewah, TN 37363; birdsnbflys@gmail.com), Cynthia Wilkerson, Jimmy Wilkerson and Libby Wolfe.

REELFOOT LAKE (36.417° N, 89.383° W) – 17 December; 0615-1730. Weather: local fog early, but clear the rest of the day; wind NW 5-7 mph; 26-47° F. Little Gull and Pectoral Sandpiper are new species for this count. Observers: Dennis Davin, Jerry Drewry, Bob Foehring, Mark Greene (compiler: 194 Mt. Orange Rd., Trenton, TN 38382; greenesnake@yahoo.com), Gail King, Nancy Moore, John Noel, Chris Sloan, Joe Stone, Sabin Thompson, Mike Todd, Allan Trently, Donna Ward, Melinda Welton and Jeff Wilson.

ROAN MOUNTAIN (36.106° N, 82.111° W) – 18 December; 0615-1730. Weather: clear all day; wind NW 5-25 mph; 25-44° F. Observers: Fred Alsop, Rob Biller, David Hall, Cayce Harper, David Kirschke, Rick Knight (compiler: 804 N. Hills Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604; rknight8@earthlink.net) and Katie Quillin.

SAVANNAH (35.133° N, 88.15° W) – 4 January; 0445-1845. Weather: sunny and cold;

wind SW 10-15 mph; 28-52° F. A Golden Eagle flying over the river was a first record for this count. The compiler noted that sparrow numbers overall were low. Observers: Dwight Cooley, Keith Fraser, Jeff Garner, Lisa Garner, Marcus Johnson, Frances Markine, Gary Markine, Warren Massey, Tim Miller, R. J. Moore, Jack Paul, Bill Pulliam, John Ross, Floyd Sherrod, Damien Simbeck (compiler: 4905 County Rd. 33, Killen, AL 35645; tnbarredowl@aol.com), Scott Somershoe and Shirley Wayland.

SHADY VALLEY – MOUNTAIN CITY (36.5° N, 81.85° W) – 31 December; 0600-1600. Weather: cloudy in the morning, turning clear in the afternoon; wind 5-25 mph with some gusts higher; 40-50° F. The compiler stated that the overall number of individuals is low, possibly due to high winds. Observers: Robert Biller (compiler: 1500 Bell Ridge Rd., Apt. 5, Johnson City, TN 37601; xyon42@gmail.com), Kathleen Britts, Ronald Carrico, Carolyn Coffey, Wallace Coffey, Jennifer Conners, Rick Knight, Roy Knispel, Richard Lewis, Joe McGuinness, Thomas McNeil, Chris O'Bryan, Brookie Potter, Michele Sparks and Kim Stroud.

WHITE COUNTY (35.908° N, 85.598° W) – 19 December; 0510-1630. Weather: clear in the morning turning partly cloudy in the afternoon; 33-59° F. Observers: Douglas A. Downs (compiler: 403 Gillen Dr., Sparta, TN 38583; douglas_downs@hotmail.com), Judy C. Fuson, Michael J. Hawkins, Edmund K. LeGrand, Nancy S. Layzer, Michael P. O'Rourke, Barbara H. Stedman, Winston A. Walden and Carol D. Williams.

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Count Names	Mem	Fay	Reel	Jcksn	Savh	CrsCk	CaneCk	Buff Rv	Clarkvl	Colmb	Nash	Hck-Prt	Frnk/Cof	White	DeKalb	Nick	Chat	Cook	Clay Co	Crsvle	Hiwase	Knox	CadeCv	GSMNP	Greenvl	Kngspt	Eliz	Roan Mt	Bristol	ShVl	TOTALS
Species																														
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
Greater White-fronted Goose	83	-	6484	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6607
Snow Goose	1836	-	8565	5	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10468
Ross's Goose	5	-	31	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Cackling Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Canada Goose	288	113	50	33	76	2669	-	80	263	100	125	852	47	387	111	54	687	809	186	383	283	755	125	-	45	198	630	-	542	393	10284
Goose sp.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mute Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Trumpeter Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wood Duck	7	16	15	2	43	4	3	-	6	2	-	-	7	3	5	-	2	5	4	1	8	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	142
Gadwall	80	6	275	3	113	8258	-	3	-	73	37	104	239	47	-	67	82	52	1	107	105	54	2	-	-	2	-	-	17	-	9727
American Wigeon	2	-	3	-	3	606	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	81	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	26	-	736
American Black Duck	-	-	-	-	5	613	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	38	-	4	-	-	-	2	9	2	2	689
Mallard	139	61	363	67	55	17356	-	39	47	84	32	497	48	191	56	82	370	166	27	168	762	282	30	-	23	105	143	-	358	127	21678
Blue-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	12
Northern Shoveler	36	-	22	5	114	10	-	-	-	36	-	39	-	6	-	-	41	23	-	12	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	364
Northern Pintail	-	-	16	5	1	400	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	435
Green-winged Teal	-	-	5	-	34	550	-	-	-	4	7	7	-	11	-	-	22	2	2	-	600	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	1	1260
Canvasback	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	138	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148
Redhead	1	-	101	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	126
Ring-necked Duck	47	-	43	2	60	4664	-	-	-	370	31	63	-	-	-	257	25	24	9	674	11	48	-	-	-	14	-	-	53	-	6395
Greater Scaup	1	-	66	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Lesser Scaup	901	-	3256	1	116	10	-	-	-	7	-	6	61	1	4	59	27	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4460
Scaup sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Long-tailed Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bufflehead	-	-	175	-	61	-	-	-	-	11	6	69	23	13	13	30	102	10	19	164	95	6	63	-	-	22	209	8	101	-	1200
Common Goldeneye	-	-	5	-	31	2	-	cw	-	-	-	9	4	-	-	4	118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	173
Hooded Merganser	31	23	23	16	7	51	1	5	-	3	-	79	13	95	34	14	29	52	24	105	185	5	-	-	2	7	1	2	198	-	1005
Common Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35

Count Names Species	Mem	Fay	Reel	Jcksn	Savh	CrsCk	CaneCk	Buff Rv	Clarkvl	Colmb	Nash	Hck-Prt	Frnk/Cof	White	DeKalb	Nick	Chat	Cook	Clay Co	Crsvle	Hiwase	Knox	CadeCv	GSMNP	Greenvl	Kngspt	Eliz	Roan Mt	Bristol	ShVl	TOTALS
Ruddy Duck	51	-	6541	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	68	57	-	-	-	38	60	5	-	277	2	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	1	-	7101
Duck sp.	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
Northern Bobwhite	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	11	1	19	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
Ruffed Grouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	5	11
Wild Turkey	-	8	42	-	32	21	42	2	79	162	127	-	-	92	5	-	1	46	206	1	68	8	65	75	27	11	53	-	23	122	1318
Common Loon	-	-	7	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	26	-	76	9	64	-	20	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	-	368
Pied-billed Grebe	30	3	155	4	104	12	2	19	6	10	8	148	33	13	33	417	273	19	6	88	15	55	11	-	3	22	24	-	38	-	1551
Horned Grebe	-	-	17	-	27	2	-	-	-	-	-	287	7	-	197	33	265	3	121	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	977
Eared Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Double-crested Cormorant	8	-	133	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	17	1	-	183	2	-	-	-	511	26	-	-	-	9	1	-	1	-	895
American White Pelican	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw
Great Blue Heron	39	8	27	11	65	60	4	11	16	17	17	59	17	21	21	57	56	15	15	5	126	107	-	3	7	21	20	-	28	4	857
Great Egret	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	16	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	38
Black Vulture	7	90	71	40	14	75	36	84	216	119	370	299	129	127	644	280	70	296	40	-	202	30	18	3	33	295	3	-	35	114	3740
Turkey Vulture	12	174	60	73	148	63	46	168	116	25	54	24	104	157	107	49	44	278	36	9	103	24	3	233	26	148	5	-	16	106	2411
Osprey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Bald Eagle	-	-	54	-	24	19	4	-	1	3	3	3	2	-	8	12	5	-	-	3	24	3	-	-	-	2	5	-	6	-	181
Northern Harrier	6	7	21	1	20	10	-	13	3	6	-	-	6	4	4	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	109
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	1	-	2	4	1	2	2	3	1	2	7	3	-	1	-	3	5	1	1	1	4	-	1	-	4	4	-	4	2	59
Cooper's Hawk	6	2	-	2	4	1	6	9	8	2	4	8	7	5	7	1	10	7	3	3	3	9	-	-	-	11	9	2	5	2	136
Northern Goshawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Accipiter sp.	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Red-shouldered Hawk	11	8	12	9	13	9	6	10	11	5	5	8	4	5	4	9	18	31	9	9	5	13	-	1	-	3	-	-	2	1	221
Red-tailed Hawk	59	23	72	16	43	18	18	38	30	62	64	25	49	39	33	15	36	42	18	11	20	37	4	9	5	34	23	5	21	13	882
Rough-legged Hawk	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Buteo sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Golden Eagle	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4
American Kestrel	26	8	29	15	18	5	5	54	9	27	13	12	49	68	46	9	2	38	34	22	4	4	2	2	16	14	8	-	16	5	560
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	12
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

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Sora	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
American Coot	48	-	58	-	89	110	4	-	-	87	46	674	473	2	34	1285	744	38	290	476	248	99	-	-	1	44	-	-	45	-	4895
Sandhill Crane	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	13	-	-	120	1876	4	-	10168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12221
Killdeer	216	2	335	120	592	55	8	156	64	52	4	31	372	102	379	20	46	164	67	108	33	81	-	2	2	24	9	-	12	2	3058
Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wilson's Snipe	-	-	16	-	-	30	-	30	1	24	1	4	19	1	-	-	6	18	1	25	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	-	183
American Woodcock	-	1	2	-	11	-	7	14	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	1472	-	250	1	-	-	-	-	-	61	149	-	15	68	531	-	53	-	105	217	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2924
Little Gull	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Laughing Gull	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ring-billed Gull	257	-	11222	1	1155	182	-	-	20	12	6	4303	434	1	16	1359	777	-	221	-	931	1496	-	-	-	56	6	-	170	-	22625
Herring Gull	2	-	1	-	58	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rock Pigeon	352	16	27	526	46	-	26	142	173	320	212	545	101	209	173	88	1080	128	91	41	54	225	53	43	344	306	628	-	272	45	6266
Eurasian Collared-Dove	252	3	1	3	7	-	-	87	-	6	-	-	-	31	16	4	17	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	439
Mourning Dove	623	131	728	93	394	76	101	468	148	115	93	223	106	575	664	29	387	541	249	294	109	308	27	10	166	282	151	7	340	121	7559
Barn Owl	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Eastern Screech-Owl	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	4	-	12	2	12	2	6	7	4	3	9	5	4	8	1	-	-	-	5	7	3	12	4	118
Great Horned Owl	2	1	6	2	7	-	-	3	-	7	2	-	1	3	3	6	4	9	3	1	-	4	-	-	-	2	3	2	5	2	78
Barred Owl	5	-	11	2	10	-	8	2	3	4	1	3	3	2	3	-	1	3	4	3	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	77
Short-eared Owl	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Owl sp.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Common Nighthawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw
Rufous Hummingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw
Belted Kingfisher	10	3	4	4	28	7	12	12	15	5	14	14	7	8	14	19	19	9	8	5	16	38	1	5	3	13	13	3	12	13	334
Red-headed Woodpecker	10	14	25	1	12	7	1	17	4	6	-	-	5	2	1	-	10	4	-	12	12	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	145
Red-bellied Woodpecker	137	51	65	23	97	39	47	77	98	44	69	20	33	67	83	40	49	72	32	49	22	58	7	8	18	56	23	1	37	7	1429
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	15	13	18	1	30	2	19	6	19	6	24	12	1	13	36	10	22	7	2	7	18	37	4	15	4	9	15	1	6	4	376
Downy Woodpecker	74	35	32	14	41	19	15	46	48	34	101	35	17	40	59	32	40	31	24	47	27	64	13	27	15	43	28	4	37	17	1059

Count Names Species	Mem	Fay	Reel	Jcksn	Savh	CrsCk	CaneCk	Buff Rv	Clarkvl	Colmb	Nash	Hck-Prt	Frnk/Cof	White	DeKalb	Nick	Chat	Cook	Clay Co	Crsvle	Hiwase	Knox	CadeCv	GSMNP	Greenvl	Kngspt	Eliz	Roan Mt	Bristol	ShVl	TOTALS
Hairy Woodpecker	3	-	7	4	4	4	10	10	16	5	6	5	1	6	14	7	6	12	2	5	5	8	3	6	-	1	2	2	9	5	168
Northern Flicker	45	53	83	13	88	39	31	55	25	31	31	73	14	41	51	34	34	37	15	34	32	55	10	9	15	33	27	1	37	3	1049
Pileated Woodpecker	28	10	23	6	12	5	38	28	19	12	26	7	1	21	40	18	6	30	11	15	5	9	23	15	5	18	20	3	31	12	497
Eastern Phoebe	10	11	6	2	10	3	18	16	5	5	10	2	6	8	2	11	28	11	9	8	12	15	4	13	3	4	10	1	9	2	254
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	14	1	-	1	-	34	-	1	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	2	-	67
Blue-headed Vireo	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Blue Jay	198	175	76	99	275	141	111	300	146	98	225	30	89	225	163	164	178	225	96	110	79	190	2	49	106	276	155	1	173	19	4174
American Crow	92	273	80	115	854	602	108	579	220	317	341	202	409	432	1435	690	247	751	258	274	250	626	245	108	96	679	543	123	975	1369	13293
Fish Crow	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Common Raven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	10	31	4	9	58
Horned Lark	87	1	867	45	99	-	-	31	4	6	-	-	79	-	102	-	-	-	4	23	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	1358
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Barn Swallow	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Carolina Chickadee	128	58	40	35	135	51	88	115	122	95	329	89	51	115	215	89	206	156	116	270	73	313	99	128	49	118	165	35	145	105	3733
Tufted Titmouse	147	52	44	36	134	103	94	140	120	88	204	38	59	168	175	103	157	205	59	248	75	194	41	80	55	91	91	14	109	41	3165
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	2	9	-	-	1	27	-	1	50
White-breasted Nuthatch	9	15	38	4	20	16	31	74	25	24	74	1	22	52	63	36	50	61	24	73	12	28	31	34	8	31	35	8	40	33	972
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	24	8	-	-	8	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	73
Brown Creeper	12	1	5	4	10	3	7	10	12	5	11	31	1	7	8	5	6	7	3	3	-	5	3	7	2	3	1	2	1	-	175
Carolina Wren	259	37	78	38	91	22	70	75	98	70	145	38	33	115	132	63	91	147	65	92	51	176	29	30	32	103	62	9	100	30	2381
House Wren	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	10
Winter Wren	10	3	18	3	16	-	14	11	2	2	2	1	-	6	15	8	5	7	3	5	3	6	14	2	3	3	5	3	5	-	175
Sedge Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Marsh Wren	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	16	13	21	10	44	9	29	23	18	2	27	28	48	36	10	11	18	24	29	25	16	11	24	54	5	14	20	8	37	14	644
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	54	12	21	7	30	3	4	4	5	6	18	13	4	11	26	36	43	10	2	3	20	16	-	5	3	9	2	1	3	1	372
Eastern Bluebird	42	121	98	55	237	95	93	511	161	164	234	97	145	272	338	110	158	395	162	273	203	334	32	60	82	230	185	19	137	61	5104
Hermit Thrush	17	3	17	2	24	3	26	26	2	17	15	14	-	19	74	20	22	21	11	21	7	11	-	4	9	6	11	1	7	3	413
American Robin	1078	69	32	21	756	50	127	309	157	80	763	2641	52	271	2420	765	534	342	11004	224	463	704	35	99	392	897	755	17	304	22	25383
Gray Catbird	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

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Species																														
Northern Mockingbird	96	48	27	28	61	29	27	122	103	139	166	72	70	152	108	59	116	219	67	94	39	217	6	10	36	118	63	11	136	22	2461
Brown Thrasher	22	7	11	3	8		9	5	3	3	2	3	10	7	3	7	13	8	3	5	5	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	147
European Starling	402	367	2723	690	3888	681	91	4279	1952	707	2974	5044	3970	4173	2754	742	1805	14294	9110	1324	636	1222	126	69	1502	2469	2014	34	4509	1293	75844
American Pipit	-	-	8	-	50	-	-	40	25	81	-	-	1	2	91	-	-	cw	45	35	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	390
Cedar Waxwing	52	81	6	6	177	21	129	94	45	21	64	20	-	44	760	404	43	37	70	176	251	183	199	-	117	113	191	-	154	6	3464
Lapland Longspur	-	-	2116	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2119
Orange-crowned Warbler	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cw	-	6
Palm Warbler	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Pine Warbler	2	4	1	3	23	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	11	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	61
Yellow-rumped Warbler	198	79	115	32	163	7	143	50	75	52	48	41	4	141	437	48	54	83	138	39	56	275	5	4	25	269	161	-	76	2	2820
Eastern Towhee	63	47	7	16	56	9	14	66	63	28	106	14	11	29	98	46	74	84	29	51	31	84	-	3	3	52	18	5	35	12	1154
American Tree Sparrow	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	6
Chipping Sparrow	6	44	cw	15	91	-	3	154	13	8	18	322	2	90	29	29	14	69	21	8	18	3	-	-	5	23	39	-	4	-	1028
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Field Sparrow	58	67	35	50	224	1	45	374	16	97	187	48	42	108	182	88	114	355	156	190	210	217	4	5	7	107	22	19	123	41	3192
Vesper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Savannah Sparrow	35	29	73	28	181	42	32	30	18	24	-	25	35	10	40	2	-	21	16	1	29	20	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	698
Le Conte's Sparrow	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fox Sparrow	15	14	25	7	19	1	5	25	5	5	47	8	-	5	20	6	2	14	2	7	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	237
Song Sparrow	177	78	61	119	92	25	107	154	72	91	192	34	15	141	189	77	156	214	83	145	217	318	67	48	27	230	115	73	180	121	3618
Lincoln's Sparrow	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Swamp Sparrow	62	28	61	127	68	8	88	74	12	48	33	62	4	33	32	10	36	35	12	13	51	33	7	4	7	31	3	1	8	9	1000
White-throated Sparrow	659	154	150	93	296	151	95	252	189	149	326	196	90	234	547	140	150	338	182	167	156	305	22	24	52	232	288	13	210	49	5909
White-crowned Sparrow	44	3	48	5	7	3	2	25	54	67	42	4	34	43	60	9	-	9	-	5	5	15	-	1	1	43	4	-	45	21	599
Dark-eyed Junco	209	171	136	121	494	273	122	302	80	74	49	49	17	69	145	79	69	105	55	112	57	44	41	100	18	78	150	210	64	109	3602
Sparrow sp.	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Northern Cardinal	303	184	361	141	342	153	121	304	411	279	363	114	110	278	576	144	252	479	302	278	104	361	57	59	64	143	102	12	204	60	6661
Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Red-winged Blackbird	84	162	1710	116	185	16	15	629	147	269	110	32	775	23	7	10	178	19	252	-	320	107	-	-	1	95	24	-	-	3	5289
Eastern Meadowlark	78	77	120	10	457	12	72	320	57	67	16	11	49	136	37	27	5	118	70	59	19	29	40	-	95	10	1	-	-	10	2002

Count Names	Mem	Fay	Reel	Jcksn	Savh	CrsCk	CaneCk	Buff Rv	Clarkvl	Colmb	Nash	Hck-Prt	Frnk/Cof	White	DeKalb	Nick	Chat	Cook	Clay Co	Crsvle	Hiwase	Knox	CadeCv	GSMNP	Greenvl	Kngspt	Eliz	Roan Mt	Bristol	ShVl	TOTALS
Species																															
Western Meadowlark	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Rusty Blackbird	149	35	17	11	30	-	19	9	-	-	-	64	-	-	1	-	2	-	100	-	-	7	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	464
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	1	-	26	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	66
Common Grackle	10832	634	3547	1075	1256	1	20	2718	137	26	187	30	1091	3	4	10	103	1	4	12	121	11	-	-	-	184	-	-	541	2	22550
Brown-headed Cowbird	46	11	466	25	177	-	22	184	-	32	23	-	250	19	14	-	1	-	209	22	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1505
Blackbird sp.	-	-	-	-	90	-	-	325	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	555
Purple Finch	-	5	-	2	-	3	4	34	-	2	-	1	-	5	14	-	6	2	5	5	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	95
House Finch	71	5	8	82	48	2	21	24	124	23	139	16	19	38	69	4	114	133	32	93	30	104	5	9	31	85	30	1	131	26	1517
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	9	-	-	17
Pine Siskin	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	-	-	179
American Goldfinch	51	89	44	35	104	12	64	169	77	83	172	29	48	94	121	69	100	213	149	112	87	114	4	79	27	226	85	8	153	80	2698
House Sparrow	186	3	166	28	37	47	50	144	79	57	26	74	23	167	107	15	61	130	81	56	13	17	-	-	1	26	17	36	35	82	1764
Total individuals	21919	4155	53922	4474	15648	38707	2644	14929	6533	5339	9324	18471	10393	10218	14663	8993	11591	24299	24906	7967	18743	10561	1618	1575	3651	8855	7469	962	11223	4792	378544
Total Species	93	71	111	81	111	80	67	85	69	85	77	90	85	83	82	78	95	84	82	88	85	88	51	51	63	79	70	49	86	60	158
Count Week species	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3

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Observers	27	10	15	4	17	11	13	12	24	8	37	18	13	9	15	13	32	14	7	13	15	34	15	14	7	17	27	7	21	15-Jan	484
Parties	11	1--4	5	3	8	7	-	7	6	6	10	5	7	6	8	6	11	7--9	4	7	5	19	6	4	5	6	6	2	6	4	180
Party Hours	56.8	29.5	47.45	23	84.25	56	30	65.5	49.75	52	63.25	55.5	33.85	54.75	66.25	51.5	81	66	35.75	67	35	105.31	30	26	28.25	47.75	53	18	62.5	36	1510.91
Hours by car	16.8	22.75	24.5	8	49.5	-	-	39.25	23.5	41.25	33.5	25.5	29.25	45.75	47.25	27	36	46	32.25	54	11	28.53	6.25	-	14	25	26	6	33	16.5	768.33
Hours by foot	40	6.75	22.95	15	34.75	-	-	26.25	26.25	10.75	29.75	30	4.6	9	16	24.5	45	19.25	3.5	13	24	74.58	23.75	26	14.25	22.75	27	12	29.5	19.5	650.63
Hours by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	0.75	-	-	4	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.95
Miles by car	151	288.5	398	221	398.3	-	-	504.6	208	432.9	272	320.4	340.2	416	367	296	415	414	248	495	157	333.45	88	-	111	377.5	255	80	472	323	8382.85
Miles on foot	38.2	7	9.25	10.5	15.3	-	-	14.7	14	9	25.75	19	2.5	7.5	7	15	40	12.25	1	9.75	12	56.55	19.5	8	61.2	18	12	9	16.5	8	478.45
Miles by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	1	-	-	40	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
Hours Owling	0.3	0.5	2	1	10	-	-	1.75	-	5	3.25	4.75	2	2.25	1.25	4.58	4	4.75	1	2.5	-	1.42	0.5	-	-	3.5	5	1.5	4.25	2.5	69.55
Miles Owling	7	12	18.25	15	46.1	-	-	13.9	-	58.3	16.25	9.5	5	24	10	40.3	34	52.75	14	17	-	3	2	-	-	5	21	8	10	18	460.35
Feeder / yard watchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	12
Feeder / yard hours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	-	-	6.43	-	-	8.25	-	-	-	4	-	33.93

THE WINTER SEASON

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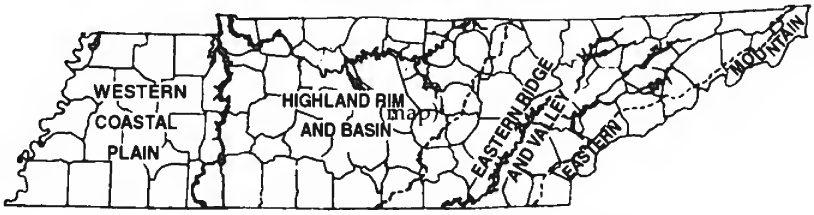

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Remarkably mild temperatures prevailed through the entire season. Precipitation was generally near normal, but with very little falling as snow.

Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks over-wintered in Shelby County for the first such occurrence in the state. Waterfowl numbers seemed to be low, although Tundra Swan and Common Merganser were found in all four regions. A Hooded Crane of unknown provenance attracted throngs of birders to Hiwassee Refuge. A Say's Phoebe at Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge established the sixth state record and was the longest-staying individuaL Boreal irruptives were quite scarce statewide, thus two separate Common Redpolls in Middle Tennessee were all the more remarkable. Not unexpectedly, a few early migrants (e.g., Lesser Yellowlegs, Purple Martin, and Tree Swallow) arrived in the state in mid to late February. More surprising, however, were early nesting records for Bald Eagle in Marion County and Killdeer in Shelby County.

Innovative techniques using motion-sensing trail cameras to monitor staked-out deer carcasses provided documentation of Golden Eagles at multiple sites in East Tennessee, involving both of the eastern regions of this report. Eagles were photographed in six of seven counties where monitoring occurred. Apparently these birds represent an extension of the substantial wintering population (25-30+ birds) in southwestern Virginia.

Standard Abbreviations

ad - adult
CBC - Christmas Bird Count
Co - County
Cr - Creek
ers - earliest reported sighting
fide - reported by
im - immature
L - Lake
max - maximum count
m.ob. - many observers
Mtn - Mountain
NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
R - River
WMA - Wildlife Management Area

WESTERN COASTAL PLAIN REGION - - The winter of 2011-2012 was marked by mild temperatures across the region with slightly lower than normal rainfalL The Memphis metro area experienced the seventh warmest winter on record, averaging more than four degrees above normal. Irruptive species were nearly absent, with few reports of Red-breasted Nuthatch or Pine Siskin. Purple Finches were widespread, but in lower numbers than usuaL The best bird of the season was a Say's Phoebe which lingered at Hatchie NWR for several weeks, much to the delight of many birders.

Waterfowl: **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**: 10 Dec thru season (42) Ensley (Jay Walko, JRW, m.ob.). **Ross's Goose**: 17 Jan (1) Gibson Co L (MAG); 15 Feb (1) Shelby Farms (SNM, NPM). **Cackling Goose**: 5 Jan (2) Obion Co (MAG); 15 Feb (7) Shelby Farms (SNM, NPM). **Tundra Swan**: 6-8 Dec (3 ad) Crockett Co (MAG, m.ob.). **swan sp.**: 25 Feb (1 im) Black Bayou (FJA), thought to be Tundra. **Eurasian Wigeon**: 24 Feb (1 male) near Phillipy, Lake Co (FJA). **Surf Scoter**: 7 Dec (1) Reelfoot L (MCT, MAG). **White-winged Scoter**: 11 Feb (1) Paris Landing (JRW). **Black Scoter**: 3 Dec (1) Britton Ford, Henry Co (MCT, SGS, ChS); 31 Dec (1) Reelfoot L (JRW); 18 / 24 Feb (1) Shelby Co (JRW). **Long-tailed Duck**: 4-19 Feb (1) TVA Lake (JRW, m.ob.). **Common Goldeneye**: 28 Dec (800+) Pace Point area (SGS), max. **Common Merganser**: 10 Dec / 17-18 Feb (1 female) Robco L (JRW); 31 Dec (4) Pace Point (TJW, ChS).

Loon - Shorebirds: **Red-throated Loon**: 9 Dec (1) Pickwick Dam (JRW); 26 Dec - 11 Feb (1) Pace Point area (JRW, SGS, m.ob.). **Pacific Loon**: 3 Dec - 11 Feb (1-2) Pace Point - Paris Landing area (MCT, SGS, JRW, m.ob.); 9 Dec (1) Pickwick Dam (JRW). **Red-necked Grebe**: 9 Dec (1) Pickwick Dam (JRW); 11 Dec (1) Reelfoot L (JRW); 21 Jan (1) Robco L (JRW); 28 Jan (1) Pace Point (MCT, m.ob.). **Eared Grebe**: 9 Dec (1) Pickwick Dam (JRW). **Western Grebe**: 31 Dec (1) Reelfoot L (JRW). **Rough-legged Hawk**: 10 / 22 Jan (1) Ensley (NPM/VBR). **Merlin**: 9 Dec (1) Bogota WMA, Dyer Co (SGS). **Sandhill Crane**: 5 Jan (29) Reelfoot L (Martha Waldron, SNM, NPM); 10 Jan (400) Obion Co (MAG); 19 Feb (7, flying over) Shelby Co (JRW); 27 Feb (1, flying over) Gibson Co (MAG). **Killdeer**: 19 Feb (1 egg in nest) Ensley (JRW), new early egg date in TN by 7 days according to the *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Tennessee*. **Spotted Sandpiper**: 18 Feb (1) TVA Lake (Jay Walko, MTOS). **Lesser Yellowlegs**: 11 Feb (2) Ensley (Jay Walko), ers. **Least Sandpiper**: 28 Dec (4) Ensley (JRW); 10 Jan (9) Obion Co (MAG). **Pectoral Sandpiper**: 17 Dec (1) Reelfoot CBC (CAS, Melinda Welton, John Noel), new for count. **Dunlin**: 7 Dec (1) Black Bayou (MCT); 10 Dec (1) Ensley (JRW).

Gull - Owl: **LITTLE GULL**: 2 Dec - 5 Jan (1 ad) Reelfoot L (JRW, MCT, MAG, SGS). **Franklin's Gull**: 17 Feb (1) Robco L (JRW). **Lesser Black-backed Gull**: 3 Dec (1) Paris Landing (SGS, MCT, ChS); 9 Dec (1) Pickwick Dam (JRW). **Forster's Tern**: 17 Jan (1) Gibson Co (MAG); 18 Feb (4) Robco L (Jay Walko et aL). **Barn Owl**: 3 Dec (1) Shelby Co (Van Harris). **Long-eared Owl**: 30 Dec (1, flushed from roost) Lauderdale Co (JRW); 23 Jan (1, seen in flight during daylight) Dyer Co (MAG); 12 Feb (1, found dead in barbed wire

fence) Dyer Co (JRW). **Short-eared Owl**: 9 Dec (1) Bogota WMA, Dyer Co (SGS); 17 Dec (7) Reelfoot CBC; 3 Jan (1) Tipton Co (Dick Preston).

Phoebe - Crossbill: **SAY'S PHOEBE**: 29 Jan - 17 Feb (1) Hatchie NWR, Haywood Co (SNM, NPM, m.ob., photo), 6th state record. **White-eyed Vireo**: 10 Jan (1) Walnut Log, Obion Co (MAG). **Fish Crow**: 10 Jan (2) Obion Co (MAG); nest building noted in Shelby Co on 26 Feb (JRW). **Purple Martin**: 28 Feb (3) Memphis (VBR), ers. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**: 31 Dec (1) Jackson CBC (MAG). **Barn Swallow**: 17 Dec (1) Reelfoot CBC (MCT, Bob Foehring), 4th record on this count. **Marsh Wren**: 17 Dec (1) Reelfoot CBC; 18 Dec (1) Memphis CBC. **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 17 Dec (1) Reelfoot CBC. **Palm Warbler**: 17 Dec (2) Reelfoot CBC. **American Tree Sparrow**: 17 Dec (7) Reelfoot CBC. **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW**: 18 Dec (1) Shelby Farms, on Memphis CBC (Steven Schoech). **Vesper Sparrow**: 8 Jan (19) Shelby Farms (SNM, NPM). **Le Conte's Sparrow**: 10 Dec (1) Ensley (JRW); 17 Dec (1) Reelfoot CBC. **Lincoln's Sparrow**: 10 Dec / 10 Feb (1-2) Ensley (JRW); 18 Dec (3) Memphis CBC. **Western Meadowlark**: 10 Dec (6) Ensley (JRW); 17 Dec (16) Reelfoot CBC; 12 Feb (10+) Dyer and Lake Cos (JRW). **Yellow-headed Blackbird**: 15 Dec (1 female and 1 im male) Ensley (JRW). **Brewer's Blackbird**: 9 Dec (8) Black Bayou (SGS); 5 Jan (25) Obion Co (MAG). **Red Crossbill**: 4 / 23 Dec (3 / 1) Coro L, Shelby Co (JRW).

Locations: Black Bayou, Lake Co; Ensley, Shelby Co; Pace Point, Henry Co; Paris Landing, Henry Co; Pickwick Dam, Hardin Co; Reelfoot L, Lake and Obion Cos; Robco L, Shelby Co; Shelby Farms, Shelby Co; TVA Lake, Shelby Co.

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HIGHLAND RIM AND BASIN REGION - - The winter season in the Nashville area was one of the warmest in many years. The mean temperature for each month was well above its typical value, averaging 4.3 degrees warmer than normal over the three month span. Precipitation was near normal. Warm temperatures meant there were only two measurable snowfalls in Nashville during the period, although other areas in Middle Tennessee got more than the trace amounts recorded in Nashville. Northern irruptive species, such as Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, and Red-breasted Nuthatch, were very hard to find this winter, though individual Common Redpolls in Davidson and Perry counties provided birders with a most uncommon sight. Duck numbers on the lakes around Nashville also seemed to be down, perhaps the result of overall warmer weather in states to the north.

Goose - Egret: **Greater White-fronted Goose**: 4 Feb (200) Duck R Unit (Chloe Walker), max; 20 Feb - 6 Mar (1) Bell's Bend (FF); 25 Feb (1) Rutherford Co (Bob Ingle). **Snow Goose**: 21 Jan (14) Percy Priest L (FF, NTOS). **Ross's Goose**: 22 Jan (1) Williamson Co

(Melinda Welton). **Cackling Goose**: 28 Dec (388) Duck R Unit (SGS), max. **Tundra Swan**: 29 Dec (1) Rutherford Co (TJW, ChS). **Surf Scoter**: 3 Dec (2) Percy Priest L (Chuck Estes, Lola Estes); 24 Dec (1 male, 4 females) Woods Reservoir (ChS); 25 Dec - 9 Jan (1) Radnor L (Jan Shaw, m.ob.); 21 Jan (3) Percy Priest L (FF, NTOS). **Long-tailed Duck**: 19 Dec (1) Laurel Hill L, Lawrence Co (WMP), on Buffalo River CBC. **Common Merganser**: 16-21 Jan (1 female) Couchville L, Davidson Co (FF, Phillip Casteel). **Common Loon**: 19 Jan (188) Percy Priest L (SGS), max. **Horned Grebe**: 19 Jan (317) Percy Priest L (SGS), max. **Eared Grebe**: 19 Jan (1) Percy Priest L (SGS). **American White Pelican**: 28 Dec (80) Duck R Unit (SGS). **Great Egret**: 8 Jan (2) Duck R Unit (TJW, ChS).

Eagle - Owl: **Bald Eagle**: 14 Dec / 3 Feb (1) Radnor L (Jan Shaw / Leslie Anne Rawlings), unusual. **Northern Goshawk**: 9 Jan (1 im) Lewis Co (WMP). **Golden Eagle**: 1 Dec (1 im) Lewis Co (WMP); 28 Dec - 6 Feb (1 im) Duck R Unit (SGS, m.ob.); 1 Jan (1 ad) Savannah CBC, first count record. **Merlin**: 21 Dec (1) Ft Campbell (DMo). **Peregrine Falcon**: 1 Dec (1) Percy Priest L (Richard Connors); 4 Feb (1) Duck R Unit (Chloe Walker). **Virginia Rail**: 1 Jan (2) Savannah CBC. **Sora**: 1 Jan (1) Savannah CBC. **Sandhill Crane**: 29 Dec - 7 Jan (small numbers flying over, max 32) Davidson, Williamson, Hickman, Lewis, Montgomery, and Houston Cos (Kevin Bowden, CAS, Marty DeHart, WMP, Stanley York, Rebecca Stevens, Richard Connors). **Spotted Sandpiper**: 31 Dec (1) Woods Reservoir (Dale Swant, Jeannie Swant). **Lesser Yellowlegs**: 16 Feb (1) Rutherford Co (TJW), early record in Nashville area. **Bonaparte's Gull**: 31 Jan (2900+) Percy Priest L (SGS), max. **Laughing Gull**: 1 Jan (1) Savannah CBC. **Ring-billed Gull**: 19 Jan (28,000) Percy Priest L (SGS), max. **Forster's Tern**: 10 Dec (1) Old Hickory L, Davidson Co (FF, NTOS). **Barn Owl**: 20 Jan (1) Warren Co (SNM). **Short-eared Owl**: 1 Jan (3) Savannah CBC; 31 Jan (3) Ft Campbell (DMo).

Shrike - Catbird: **Loggerhead Shrike**: 11 Dec (2) Robertson Co (TL). **Blue-headed Vireo**: 1 Jan (1) Savannah CBC. **Horned Lark**: 11 Dec (40) Robertson Co (TL); 28 Dec (23) Ft Campbell (DMo). **Tree Swallow**: 27 Feb (1) Bell's Bend (TL), ers. **House Wren**: 1 Jan (1) Savannah CBC. **Marsh Wren**: 1 Jan (1) Hickory-Priest CBC (Jerry Drewry). **Gray Catbird**: 1 Jan (1) Hickory-Priest CBC (CAS).

Warbler - Siskin: **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 4 Dec (1) Ft Campbell (DMo); 19 Dec (1) Buffalo River CBC; 23 Dec / 15 Jan (1, at feeder) Nashville (CAS); 1 Jan (1) Hickory-Priest CBC. **Palm Warbler**: 19 Dec (1) Buffalo River CBC. **Vesper Sparrow**: 1 Jan (18) Savannah CBC. **Grasshopper Sparrow**: 8 Dec (1) Warren Co (SNM). **Le Conte's Sparrow**: 28 Dec (1) Duck R Unit (SGS). **Fox Sparrow**: 1 Dec (40) Bell's Bend (TL), max. **Lincoln's Sparrow**: 1 Jan (1) Hickory-Priest CBC (CAS). **Indigo Bunting**: 17 Dec (1) Radnor L, Nashville CBC (Susan Hollyday, Ed Schneider). **Rusty Blackbird**: 4 Dec (50) Coffee Co (Dale Swant); 18 Jan (34) Ft Campbell (DMo). **Brewer's Blackbird**: 19 Dec (6) Buffalo River CBC; 1 Jan (26) Savannah CBC. **COMMON REDPOLL**: 8-20 Feb (1 male, at feeder) Nashville (Sharon Monroe fide TJW, m.ob., photo); 13-22 Feb (1 male, at feeder) Pleasantville, Perry

Co (Chad Beachy, m.ob., photo). **Pine Siskin**: thru 25 Dec (6) Brentwood, Williamson Co (Ed Schneider), only report.

Locations: Bell's Bend, Davidson Co; Duck R Unit - unit of TN NWR, Humphreys Co; Fort Campbell, Montgomery Co; Percy Priest L, Davidson Co; Radnor L, Davidson Co; Woods Reservoir, Franklin Co.

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CUMBERLAND PLATEAU / RIDGE and VALLEY REGION - - Very mild temperatures persisted through the entire season, averaging 4 to 5 degrees above normal. Precipitation was near normal, but with only trace amounts of snow in most of the region. Low numbers of waterfowl likely were related to the unusual warmth. The mild conditions also may have contributed to the over-wintering by a Least Sandpiper at a farm pond in Northeast Tennessee, the first such record. A few "half-hardy" species lingered into or through the season. Much more unexpected, however, were records of Common Gallinule, Common Nighthawk and Painted Bunting.

A deal of "buzz" in the birding world was generated by the discovery of a Hooded Crane at Hiwassee Refuge in mid-December. A native of eastern Asia with a small population and little history of vagrancy, the provenance of this bird was debated. Over the next two months during the Hooded Crane's stay more than 4200 "visits" were recorded at the Hiwassee Refuge viewing gazebo, not including the well-attended two-day Crane FestivaL This total includes repeat visits. It should also be noted that not all visitors were seeking the Hooded Crane. Guests from 47 states and several foreign countries signed the register. Kudos to Charles Murray for monitoring the site; posting daily updates on the Hooded Crane and maintaining the visitors log at the site.

Goose - Heron: **Greater White-fronted Goose**: 13 Feb (1) Boone L (RMC); 27 Feb (2) John Sevier L (SHu). **Snow Goose**: 1-5 Jan (2 blue) / 21 Jan (5 white) Hiwassee Refuge (Kevin Calhoon, DRJ / RLK); 3 Jan (1 white) Steele Cr Park (Larry McDaniel, DAH); 11 Jan (1 white) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy); 13 Feb (1 white) Boone L (RMC). **Ross's Goose**: 16 Feb (1) Steele Cr Park (DAH, Larry McDaniel); 27 Feb (1) Boone L (JWC). **Tundra Swan**: 11 Dec (1) John Sevier L (SHu). **Blue-winged Teal**: 1 Jan (3) Hiwassee CBC (Clyde Blum, Gary Brunvoll), first for CBC. **Canvasback**: 18 Feb (1) Greene Co (DHM), locally unusuaL **Surf Scoter**: 20 Feb (2) Steele Cr Park (DAH, Jeremy Stout, m.ob.). **Common Merganser**: 17 Dec (1 female) Chattanooga CBC (DRJ, John Henderson); 6 Jan / 12 Feb (1 female) L Tansi, Cumberland Co (Ed LeGrand). **American White Pelican**: from late Nov thru 28 Dec (1-2) Hiwassee Refuge (CM, Tim Jeffers, m.ob.). **American Bittern**: 23 Dec (1) Phipps Bend, Hawkins Co (Roger Lemaster). **Great Egret**: 17 Dec (3) Chattanooga CBC (Bill Haley), first on this CBC; thru season (1-3) Hiwassee Refuge (CM, m.ob.). **Black-crowned Night-Heron**: thru season (1-4) Kingsport (RLK, m.ob.).

Osprey - Gull: **Osprey**: 3 Dec (1) Nolichucky R, Greene Co (Nata Jackson, photo); 6 Jan (1) John Sevier L, 23 Dec (female incubating), with a hatch date about 28-31 Jan, and 2 young about 8-10 days old on 8 Feb at a nest in Marion Co (Jonnie Sue Lyons), this appears to be the earliest modern nesting date, based on data in the *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Tennessee*; 28 Jan thru season (pair at new nest) South Holston R, near Bluff City, Sullivan Co (JWC, MSa), first nest in Co. **Northern Goshawk**: 20 Feb (1 im) Greeneville (DHM). **Red-tailed Hawk**: 10 Dec (1 dark morph) Greene Co (DHM). **Golden Eagle**: 1 Jan (1 im) Hiwassee CBC (Jimmy Wikerson, Cynthia Wilkerson); 24 Jan - 8 Feb (1) Campbell Co and early Feb (1) Meigs Co (fide SGS), photos by motion-sensing cameras monitoring deer carcasses. **Merlin**: 28 Dec (1) Standifer Gap Marsh, Hamilton Co (Jeff Taylor); 1 Jan (1) Hiwassee CBC (David Aborn). **Peregrine Falcon**: thru season (1) Maryville, Blount Co (TH, m.ob.). **Virginia Rail**: 29 Jan (1) Cleveland (David Chaffin); 15 Feb into Mar (1) Kingsport (RLK, m.ob.); not found at Standifer Gap Marsh, Hamilton Co (fide Kevin Calhoon), where regular. **Sora**: from late fall thru 26 Feb (1) Alcoa (TH); 18 Feb into Mar (1) Johnson City (Jerry Nagel). **Common Gallinule**: 2-5 Feb (1) Sevier Co (RDH, DMy); 26 Feb (1) Alcoa (TH). **Sandhill Crane**: 24 Dec (8) Greene Co (DHM), east of usual corridor. **Whooping Crane**: thru season (1-6) Hiwassee Refuge (CM, m.ob.). **Hooded Crane**: 13 Dec - 30 Jan (1 ad) Hiwassee Refuge (Marie Sutton, Phyllis Deal, CM, m.ob., photos), see intro. **Spotted Sandpiper**: thru season (1) Kingsport (m.ob.), 7th consecutive winter present. **Least Sandpiper**: 24 Nov - 4 Mar (1) Leesburg, Washington Co (RLK, m.ob.), although there are 5 previous one-day winter records in NE TN, this is the first over-wintering record; 10 Dec (12) Upper Douglas L, Cocke Co (RLK), 4th winter record. **Dunlin**: 10 Dec (20) Upper Douglas L, Cocke Co (RLK, DK). **Laughing Gull**: 16 Feb (1) Douglas Dam, Sevier Co (Kevin Burke, Keith Watson).

Nighthawk - Longspur: **Common Nighthawk**: 13 / 29 Dec (5 / 1) Knoxville (Chris Welsh / Mark Campen), foraging around lights. **Loggerhead Shrike**: reported from 2 sites in Washington Co (m.ob.) and 1 site in Greene Co (DHM). **Common Raven**: 2 Dec (1) Limestone, Washington Co (RLK); 27 Jan - 3 and 6 Feb (2 each) separate Campbell Co sites (fide SGS), photos at sites monitored for Golden Eagles (see above); 11 Feb (1) Wal-Mart Distribution Center (DHM). **Tree Swallow**: 19 Feb (1 / 3) Washington Co, Sullivan Co (RBB, TSM, RMC), ers; 20 Feb (6) John Sevier L (SHu); 23 Feb (1) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy); 26 Feb (200) Kyker Bottoms, Blount Co (Chuck Estes), large number for date. **Red-breasted Nuthatch**: no reports. **Brown-headed Nuthatch**: 17 Dec (1) Kinser Park, Greene Co (DHM). **Sedge Wren**: 15 Jan (2) Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness, White Co (Ed LeGrand). **Marsh Wren**: from late fall thru 26 Feb (1-2) Alcoa (TH); 24 Dec / 1 Jan (1-2) Wal-Mart Distribution Center (DHM); 15 Feb into Mar (1) Kingsport (RLK, m.ob.). **Lapland Longspur**: 1 Jan (1) Greene Co (DHM); 7 Jan (2) Hamilton Co (DRJ, John Henderson); only reports.

Warbler - Siskin: **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 26 Feb (1) Blount Co (TH). **Common Yellowthroat**: 24 Dec / 1 Jan (1) Wal-Mart Distribution Center (DHM). **American**

Redstart: 10 Dec (1) Hiwassee Refuge (Tim Jeffers, photo), 3rd winter record in state, all from this region in Dec. **Palm Warbler**: 1 Jan - 25 Feb (5 reports of 1-6 birds) Greene Co (DHM); 5 Jan / 23 Feb (1) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy); 3 Feb (3) Limestone, Washington Co (RLK). **Pine Warbler**: 7 Jan (1) Kinser Park, Greene Co (DHM); 20 Feb (1) Steele Cr Park (DAH), ers in NE TN. **American Tree Sparrow**: 23 Dec (2) Phipps Bend, Hawkins Co (Roger Lemaster, details provided). **Indigo Bunting**: 28 Dec - 6 Jan (1 male, at feeder) John Sevier L (SHu, photo). **PAINTED BUNTING**: 21 Jan - 24 Feb (1 ad male, at feeder) Ooltewah, Hamilton Co (Grady Bingham, m.ob., photo by Tim Jeffers), one was present at this site in Mar - Apr 2011. **Brewer's Blackbird**: 26 Dec (4) Gray, Washington Co (TSM, RBB et al), on Kingsport CBC; 6 Jan (7) Dunlap, Sequatchie Co (TJW), traditional wintering site. **Purple Finch**: very few reports. **Pine Siskin**: 11 Feb (1) Knoxville (Angela Hoffman), only report.

Locations: Alcoa, Blount Co; Boone L, Washington and Sullivan Cos; Eagle Bend - fish hatchery, Anderson Co; Hiwassee Refuge, Meigs Co; John Sevier L, Hawkins Co; Steele Cr Park, Sullivan Co; Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Greene Co.

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EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGION - - It was a mild winter. Average daily temperatures were about 5 degrees above normal for the entire period. Precipitation was slightly above normaL There was very little snowfalL

There were several reports of Golden Eagles. Motion sensing cameras set up near staked out deer carcasses provide a great tool for monitoring this species. Another camera of this type was set up to monitor bird feeders for Brown-headed Nuthatch at Washington County Park, just barely into Virginia on the shore of South Holston Lake. All winter finches and Red-breasted Nuthatches were in low numbers.

Goose - Grebe: **Greater White-fronted Goose**: 7 Feb into Mar (1) Great Lakes pond, Carter Co (BP, JP, TSM, m.ob.). **Cackling Goose**: 30 Dec (1) Fishery Park, Erwin (Joe McGuiness, m.ob.). **Tundra Swan**: 2-23 Dec (1) Parksville L, Polk Co (Rick Houlk, m.ob.). **Blue-winged Teal**: 17 Dec (3) Watauga R, Carter Co (Glen Eller, Roy Knispel), on Elizabethton CBC. **Common Goldeneye**: 3 Dec (1) Wilbur L, Carter Co (DHM); 17 Jan (1) South Holston R weir, Sullivan Co (Roy Knispel, Reese Jamerson); only reports. **Common Merganser**: 11 Dec (male and female) Wilbur L, Carter Co (BP, JP), only report. **Horned Grebe**: 12 Feb (7) Roan Cr arm of Watauga L, Johnson Co (RBB, TSM, RMC). **Eared Grebe**: thru season (1-2) South Holston L (RLK, m.ob.), present for 18th straight year.

Osprey - Dove: **Osprey**: 1 / 16 Jan (1) South Holston L (Richard Lewis et aL, Jeremy

Stout). **Bald Eagle**: 4 / 10 Dec (1 ad) Nolichucky R, near Erwin (Joe McGuiness, FJA); 17 Feb (1 ad) Carver's Gap on Roan Mtn (BP, JP). **Golden Eagle**: 18 Dec / 29 Jan (2) Hampton Cr Cove, Carter Co (FJA, RBB, TSM, RMC); 12 Jan - 15 Feb, intermittently (1 each) sites in Johnson, Carter, Unicoi, and Monroe (2 on 13 Feb) Cos. (fide SGS), photos by motion-sensing cameras monitoring deer carcasses. **Herring Gull**: 22 Jan (1) South Holston L (RBB, TSM, RMC), only report. **Eurasian Collared-Dove**: continued presence (1-3) near Elizabethton (m.ob.).

Shrike - Siskin: **Loggerhead Shrike**: thru season (1) Holston Valley, Sullivan Co (m.ob.). **Red-breasted Nuthatch**: 18 Dec / 7 Feb (20+) Roan Mtn (RLK), max; few reports elsewhere. **Brown-headed Nuthatch**: mid Dec - mid Feb (1-2) Washington Co Park, on VA portion of South Holston L shoreline (JWC, MSa), feeder camera. **House Wren**: 31 Dec (1) Doe Valley, Johnson Co (RLK), on Shady Valley - Mountain City CBC. **Snow Bunting**: 3 Dec (1) Round Bald on Roan Mtn (DK). **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 3 Jan (1) count week for Bristol CBC (MSa), in VA portion of count circle. **Pine Warbler**: 1 Jan (1) Bristol CBC (RLK); 24 Feb (1) Wilbur L, Carter Co (BP, JP), ers. **Fox Sparrow**: few reports. **Purple Finch**: very scarce. **Red Crossbill**: 18 Dec / 29 Jan (9 / 13) Roan Mtn (RLK, DK, David Hall / RBB, TSM, RMC); 20 Jan (1) South Holston L (MSa). **Pine Siskin**: 18 Dec (170) Roan Mtn (RLK, DK, David Hall), max; no reports elsewhere.

Locations: Erwin, Unicoi Co; Roan Mtn, Carter Co; South Holston L, Sullivan Co.

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